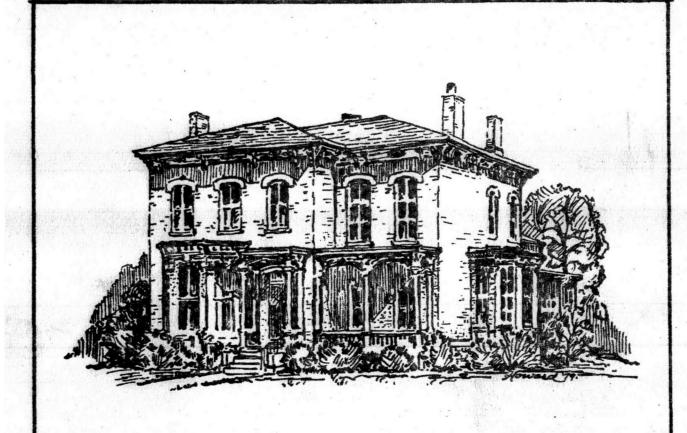
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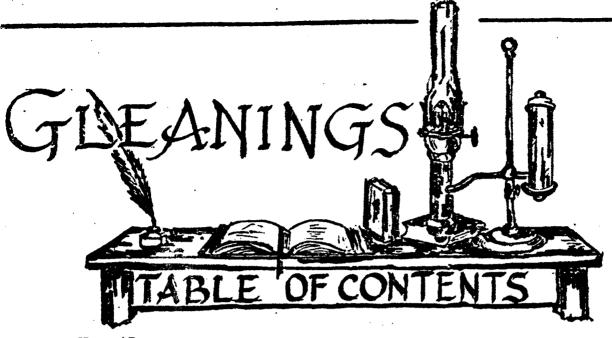
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CHRONOLOGY

- January 5Fire at the Depot. Four wooden stores were destroyed, for a loss of \$28,000. George Carr's building and Saloon-\$2000. William L. Grossman's restaurant-no insurance. S.Y. Wright's building-\$2000; William Grossman's Drug Store-\$1200; J.H. Samson-\$2500; Farmer's Store \$12,000, loss \$3000. Dr. Parminio Davis store and goods-\$3500,loss \$2000. The McRoberts House, Martin and Cramer removed their goods.
- January 19- The first rail on the Ann Arbor & Toledo Railroad was laid at Dundee Saturday. The spike was driven by Capt. David Van Pelt, a veteran of the War of 1812.

Five months before it was coming due, William Deubel paid off the \$25,000 mortgage that was on the Mill purchased by him at Ypsilanti from E.B. Ward, some three years ago.

February 8- Died, Abiel Hawkins, ago 80, father of Walter H. and Frederick W.

He was born in the State of Massachusetts. Came to Ypsilanti in 1834. In that same year he bought a frame structure at the corner of Congress(Michigan Avenue) and Washington Street and rebuilt it into a hotel-tavern. Operated it for 4 years and then removed to the Depot where he was manager of the National Hotel, built by Mark Norris on the triangle of land just East of the railroad station. Mark Norris decided to abandon that hotel and use the bricks and other materials to build several brick buildings on the south side of East Cross Street and also the big brick Barracks at the NE corner of River Street and East Cross.

In 1859 he took charge of the Follett House for 3 yea He had married in Batavia, New York. Mrs. Hawkins died in 1874, age 79 years.

Advertisers: H. P. Glover-Dry Goods and Carpets.
A.A.Bedell-Detroit Boot & Shoe Store, East Cross opposite the Depot.
Spencer & Fairchild, "First Class Meat Market"
Pioneer Drug Store-Fred Ingram-Opposite the Depot.
Martin and Cremer-Boots, Shoes, Gent's Furnishings-Follett House Block.
Easterly & Leonard-Groceries & Crockery-Congress Street near Washington.

Charles E. Samson-Piano & Organs.

Peoples Drug Store-Huron Street-Fred W. Johnson
R.C. Hayton, Gun-Smithing, Sewing Machines.

South Washington Street
Mrs. M.S. Davis-Millinery, Ladies UnderwearOpposite the Depot.
W.R. Davis-Men's Wear and Ladies Boots and Shoes.
Congress Street.

Parsons' Bros-Lumber, Lath and Shingles, Doors, Blinds et Henderson & Sweet-Lumber, Lath and Shingles.
J.H. Wortley's Crockery Store, South Huron Street.
Frank Smith-Drugs, Wallpaper, Paints, Glass-North side of Congress Street.
E.B. Jackson-Jackson's Dining Hall-North Huron Street single meals .25¢

- March 2- Warren F. Pattison, son of the Editor of the Commercial has gone to the Agricultural College at Lansing, carrying first class testimonials of his standing as a student.
- March 5- Died, Clement Loveder, age 91 years and 5 months. He was born in London England, September 27th, 1786, His family left England in 1820. Clement married Ruth Beagley in 1817 and they landed first in Virginia in 1821, then to Charlestown, Massachusetts. In 1826 they came to Michigan and settled on a farm a few miles South East of Ypsilanti. Moved into town in 1858
 - C. R. Pattison, Editor of the Commercial, called at the office of Cornwell and Co., Paper Mill office and heard Clark Cornwell phone their mill at Lowell. The telephone line was installed by Robert H. Wilson. The first telephone service in Washtenaw County. By year's end, the line was extended to the Mill at Geometric Country.
- March 6- C. R. Pattison returned as Editor and Publisher of the Commercial agter being in poor health.

The First Baptist Church is planning for a new House of Worship to be built on the side of the present edif.

Henderson & Sweet, lumber merchants, have dissolved partnership. The business will mow be carried on by Sweet Bros.

March 15The remains of Mrs. W. S. Crane, who deceased the 24th of last month will be brought to this City for Internment. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Fairchild.

March 15- Hoyt of the Dexter Leader who had worked for Pattison 6 years, visited Ypsilanti and was given a tour of the new Opera House by the builder, Albert Stuck. Mr. Chevalier the Detroit artist is still at work there. By his kindness we had a view of the drop curtain, a marvel of beauty.

Good! After several weeks of being shut down the Woolen Mills are going again.

March 27- C.S. Pitkin and family will bid farewell to Ypsilanti and take up residence in Detroit.

Will Carleton, Michigan's famous farm ballad poet, will come to the Washtenaw County Historical Society meeting March 29th and April 2nd.

- April 6- A portion of the wooden awning on the front of the Follett House has been removed.
- May 25- On Sunday morning last, six converts of the A.M.E. Church were baptized in the river below the lower dam at the southern limits of the City.
- June 1- Anna Lambie awarded Diploma from the Language Course at the Michigan State Normal College.

Azro Fletcher graduated from the Michigan State Normal College with a Certificate for the Common School Course.

- June 12- William Cullen Bryan died.
- June 30- William H. Vanderbilt has secured control of the Michigan Central Railroad. A special train containing the great magnate passed thru here last Tuesday bound for Chicago.
- August- The Ladies have organized the Literary Club.
- October- The Steeple painter departed without saying Good Bye to Mr. A.P. Bucklin, Proprietor of Bucklin House where he boarded or to Mr. Frank Smith where he obtained his paints. Those gentlemen with the Sheriff went to Detroit looking for him but did not find him. Total Loss \$50.00.

Mr. Edward Thompson, son of O.E. Thompson has developed a wonderful talent for drawing. He has just been the recipent of a \$25 draft from the Thomas Rake Company as an advertisement at the State Fair. They were so pleased with the picture, they not only sent the money but they also intend to use the cartoon at the Indiana State Fair, the St. Louis Exposition and the Shanandoah Valley Fair.

December

The salaries of the State Prison employees will be reduced next month. The Keepers who received \$720 per Annum will be cut down \$20, and that of the Guards \$600 to \$500 per Annum.

Ad from the good old days: 'Reflect that in every cemetery ½ of the silent tenants are victims of neglected coughs and colds, and if you are thus afflicted, avoid their fate by resorting at once to Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar, an immediate and certain means of cure. Sold by all Druggists. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.'

December 28-Married at Galesburg on the 13th of July by Rev. Joseph Estabrook, Samuel B. Laird of Newaygo and Ida Cogswell of Galesburg. January 18- The First National Bank elected officers as follows:
President, I.N. Conklin; Vice President, D.L. Quirk;
Cashier, F.P. Bogardus; Directors: I.N. Conklin,
D.L. Quirk, L.A.Barnes, E. Bogardus, E.F. Uhl.

Died-Hugh Boyle, age 78 years, one of the oldest inhabitants of this City.

January 14- James Arnold, age 74 years.

January 15- Andrus Watling, age 65 years.

February 19- Phonograph patented.

February 22- F.W. Woolworth opened his first store in Utica, New York.

Ethel Barrymore was born.
W. C. Fields was born
Sydney Greenstreet was born
Frank McIntire, born in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. E. B. Dunham, who came to Ypsilanti in 1871, was an Artist. She was hailed by Prof. Estabrook as the first Kindergarten teacher in America and the best primary teacher he ever knew.

By this time there was a First Ward, 4th Ward and 5th Ward School. The First Ward was entirely colored children. The 5th Ward was the largest with 4 teachers.

SEptember 9- Born-Cyril Roderick Tyler who became a World Famous Boy Soprano.



YPSILANTI MEN IN CIVIL WAR

1880- William W. Phillips-August 1st 1861-Sgt-Major 14th Infantry. 2nd Lt. March 30, 1863. Mustered out June 4, 1863.

Delos Phillips-August 4,1862 Sgt Co.E 17th Infantry. Brevet 2nd Lt. October 17,1862. 2nd Lt. December 6,1862. 1st Lt. March 3,1863. Captain October 19,1863. Taken Prisoner at Spotsylvania, May 2,1864. Escaped May 24,1864. Lt Colonel 28th Infantry August 15,1864. Declined and out October 22. 1864.

William H. Randall, Pittsfield-May 1,1861 Private Co. C H,1st Infantry(3 months). Private Co.D. 1st Sharpshooters November 15,1862. 2nd Lt October 3,1863. Captain April 11, 1865. Out July 28,1865.

January 27- Electric Light patented by Edison.

Commercial

March - Advertisers
C. S. Wortley & Bros. Congress Street(Michigan Ave)
James H. McKinstry-Meercham, Briar and Facny Wood Pipes
next to Hawkins House
Ingram The Druggist-14 Congress(Michigan Ave)
J. F. Sanders-The Old and Reliable Clothier-No. 1 in
Union Block (200 W. Michigan Ave,)
Grand Opening- H.A. Weeks 25 Congress-Cutlery & Clocks
Boots & Shoes-Fred Crich shop in Crane's Tannery Building
Three-Horse Whiffletrees-Lang & Martin at the Depot.
Wagons and Buggies.

- April 10-Death report of Samuel Y. Denton, born September 23, 1816. In 1841 he married Maria Gould of Milan. Came from Northeast Pennsylvania to Michigan about 1837. Worked in a sawmill in Ypsilanti but lived in Saline. Moved to Ypsilanti where he lived for 5 years and then bought farmland in South Plymouth as it was called in those days. His land bordered the Michigan Central Railroad and he engaged in the lumber and mercantile business. Other families joined him and the small community was called The Dentons. He died in March 1880 in his 64 year.
- May 1- Edwin J. Mills- for years a resident in the firm of Mills & Camp Hardware. He sold out and bought the Mills at Geddes. Disposing that property he went to Reading, Michiga A fine muscian he led the Presbyterian Church Choir. Died April 27th, age 53. Born August 1,1827. Came to Ypsilanti in 1850 and taught one year in the Union Seminary

Lewis C. McLouth married Cornelia A. Howland, daughter of the late Deacon John Howland.

- May 15- Professor Joseph Estabrook has received a call from Olivet College at a salary of \$3000.
 - Advertisement-P.T. Barnum's GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH at Ypsilanti May 26th.
- May 22- Professor Joseph Estabrook will take charge of Olivet College in September. A pity the State can't pay as much as a private institution.
- June 5- The work shops of the Detroit, Hillsdale & South West Railroad Company are to be located in Ypsilanti between Lowell Street and Ann Street. There will be room for 5 engines and there will be a turntable. Hillsdale offered \$2000 to have the Shops located there.
- June 12- Ypsilanti has a beautiful Cemetery. The Association is putting up two very tasty buildings. On the south side of the entrance a dwelling and on the north side an office. (The Entrance must have been north of the present on) An Iron gate will be swung between the buildings. They are being built on the Swiss plan and the artist who designed them is Mr. Hess of Detroit. The house will be occupied by the keeper of the grounds.
- June 26- Joe Sanders has put up a wooden awning in front of his store. Sanders Clothing store was on the corner at 202 West Congress(Michigan Ave).

 George W. Cady is fixing up the stand occupied during the winter by Mr. Swaine as a store room. Cady intends opening a Saloon, East Cross Street opposite the Depot.
- July 24- Among the recent Graduates from Michigan University was Mary H. Graham, colored. She prepared at Flint and stood well in her class and now goes to teach at Lincoln University at Jefferson, Missouri. Age 22 years.
- August 9-Died-Rev. William Platt, age 62 years 9 months August 12- Casper Max, cancer, age 75 years. August 20- McPherson, age 85 years.
- August 21-Died on August 12, Mrs. Armin Gage, age 58 from Cancer.

 August 14-Jesse Newton, age 88 years.

 August 20-John M. Cutler, age 67 years. He was born in Sudbury, Mass. Came with parents to Michigan and was a Saline resident in 1854, moving to Ypsilanti in 1862. In 1837 he married Fanny Bishop. He was always in the Tavern-Hotel business.

 August 24- Bridget Cooney, age 80.

 August 30- Mrs. Elizabeth Noble, wife of A.N.Noble, age 60. Funeral from St. Lukes Church.

September 11- M. McVicar, Ph.D. LL.D. the popular Principal of the Pottsdam Normal and Training School, New York, has been selected to succeed Prof. Estabrook at a salary of \$3000. Dr. McVicar is a Baptist.

Died September 7,1878-Joseph Wyckoff, born in Seneca County, New York June 25,1793, came to Superior Township 1828.

- September 18- Died September 11-Mrs. Marcia Cook, age 74- She was born in Wallington, Vermont in 1806. Became a resident of Ypsilanti in 1830. United with the Presbyterian Church but trouble sprang up in that Church in regard to the resignation of Rev.I.M.Weed Both she and her husband were confirmed in the St. Lukes Church, February 15, 1848.
- October 9
 The Canadian firm that he purchased Mr. Gilbert's factory in the 5th Ward, goes under the name of McPherson, Glascow Co. They have two institutions for manufacturing Thrashing Machines. One at Fingall and the other at Clinton in Ontario. Their machine is called the "Glimax". A circular of P. Ferrier* & Son's Farm 'Monitor* Steam engine fell into their hands. They were so pleased with what they read, the elder McPherson came to Ypsilanti to see it.

While here he mentioned his son would like to engage in the manufature of their Thrashing Machine in the States and they bought the John Gilbert factory.

October 9- The people of Michigan are to vote in November upon an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the City of Detroit to build a railroad bridge across the Detroit River.

The old Hewens homestead in Augusta, a nice frame house, burned October 8. William and James Hewens occupied the house. 1000 lbs of wool burned up. Insurance \$1500.

- November 14- Ads:Littlefield & Weeks-Crockery, China & Glassware.

 4 Union Block (200 block N. Michigan Ave).

 Ypsilanti Steam Dye Works...Fred Savile & Co.

 Norris Block. 1st door north of the Knitting Factory
- November 27- C.C. Chapman of Chicago, one of the Publishers of 'The History of Washtenaw County' was in the City. We like the plan he has for this monumental work. The Historical Committee of the Pioneer Society had already given the project their endorsement.

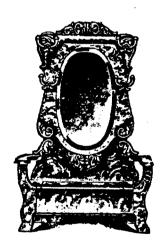
November 27- Ad: G.A. & T. Neat & Co.-Variety Store-all kinds of Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Well & Cistern pumps, tin ware, boots, shoes etc., at the Depot on East Cross.

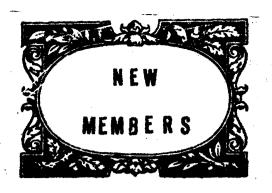
December 4- We are printing a 24X36 sheet four page folio for the world renowned Thrashing Machine manufactured by Edward D. McPherson in this City.

Died-December 27, Mrs. Almira Morton, wife of Jonathan Morton, at age 73. She was the daughter of Job Gorton who came to Ypsilanti with his family in 1825. Job was one of the first Supervisors when the County was organized.

Almira was born in Libon, New York State.Married in 1826.

December 20- Brush system of Electric Lights using alternating current lighted Broadway.





Shirley Miller 39 South Hewitt Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Virginia T. Johnson 875½ Hawthorne Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Marsha McDonald 322 Vinewood Ct. Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Porter 224 Owendale Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Edith Hurst 46300 Bemis Road Belleville, Mi. 48111

Helen E. Maloney 4443 Sheldon Rd. Canton, Mi. 48188

Mr. & Mrs. David A. MacLeod 1350 Ellis Road Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

We extend a warm welcome to all of the new members.

Acquisitions

Mrs. Ruth Willis

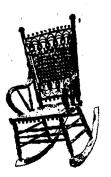
Dress worn by Mrs. L. Ed. Wiard (Florence Crittendon Wiard)

Mrs. Helen Smallidge



Mrs. Bertha Speer

Sewing Rocker



Acquisitions

Ypsilanti Public Library

Adam Christman, Author

Miss Frances Lister

Estate of A.B. Carr Co. 288-8th Reg.

Mrs. Dorothy Wiard Lancaster

Berry LaRue

Gertrude Hiscock Nanry

1980 Map of Ypsilanti

The Changing Scene

Scales used in Ypsilanti
Post office by Wm.N. Lister
Wedding Blouse-Worn by Mr.
Lister's Grandmother
Apron-Mr. Lister's Mother's.
5 Table Knives made by Wrigh
Kay Jewelers-Detroit-Estate
Miss Hattie Swift.

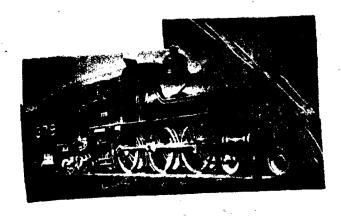
New Testament WW I Issue

2 pair Spectacles-Lyman Wiard Grandfather Children's Book-Various Family Pictures Various Family Pictures

1928 Evening Dress 1902 Baby Jacket Report of First Baptist Chur Myrtlewood Book Ends-1939 William's Pictorial Bible Phebes Tree-Limb-Loom Blanke

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ingling

Lionel Electric Train



- January 1- Wife and I, William and Mrs. Campbell, Clare and wee Sarah went to Mr. Clark's in the cutter- a very pleasant time.
- January 2- Frank took Bell and Robert to School-Mary and Elizabeth took provisions to Anna at her boarding house.
- January 3- Wife and I went in the cutter to Mr. Miller's pleasant home- Frank took 30 bushels of corn at .30¢ to the German Mason.

 Some young folks came in the evening and had a jolly time.
- January 5- Wife and I went in the cutter to see our old friends the McDougals-they seem well for their age but passing little by little.
- January 6- Elizabeth's birthday-her 20 years seem to have passed away like a dream.

 Mr. Smith asked me to read a paper before the Farmer's Institute.

 January 8- Robert and Elizabeth started in the cutter before daylight for Pittsfield-Bell waded to school in the deep snow-8-15 below zero.
- January 10- Shelled corn-Milder-Wife and I called on Mr. Richmond-had supper with brother Robert.
 Paid Frank Smith \$1.25 for the New York Tribune.
- January 13- Cold and more snow-winter reigns supreme.
- January 15- Mild- 2 lambs already-Went to Mr. Campbell's.
- January 19- Bought new pants \$3.00-Mr. Yost offered .33¢ for wool
- January 24- Wife and I went to Farmer's Institute and spoke in the evening before a large crowd.
- January 25- Robert Burns Birthday-born 1759.
- January 28- Milder, snow going away-Wife and I went to Augusta in the buggy.
- January 30- Mr. Campbell and I went in his cutter and visited Mrs. Hewens-David Gardener's big house and great Barn-The Gardener's glad to see us as old friends.
 Mr. Gardener has seen 4 score and may not see many more. Gave William Campbell 3 of Crane notes payable to Robert Campbell, notes put in one for \$463.33.

February 1st- Wife and I went to call on old friends; Mr. & Mrs. John Geddes- Father always looked on him as salt of the earth.

February 3- Mr. Clark and wife, Sara and our Elizabeth came to dinner-left Frank and Dr. Hogarth letter with brother Robert- bought 4 tin pails for \$1.00.-Shoes for Bell and broom for the School.

February 8- Looks like spring-hens begining to lay-Wife went to see old Mrs. Morton-bought 25lb tallow from Howland \$2.00.

February 13- Mr. Clarke and I went to see Robert Campbell-he has made a fine improvement elevating his Barn. Next went to Elizabeth's School and heard her scholars sing and like it.

February 14- Valentine Day 16 below zero. The Saw Mill burned yesterday.

February 18- Mrs. Blackman died.

February 20- Full accounts of unveiling of Burns Statue in Scotch Papers.

February 22- Washington's Birthday-Robert and I went down ans saw the Light Guards and several hundred Temperance Men with red ribbons on their coats in the procession.

February 28- Wife and I went to visit Ben and Mrs. Voohees-Frank went to Hall's Sale.

March 1st- Mary and Robert went to Pittsfield- Frank to Kellog's Sale.

March 3- Grant's term expires- Frank bought a crosscut saw and cut down a big tree.

March 9- Last day of our school.

- March 10- Hayes takes his place as President-Democrats prevailing at last.
- March 11- Robert's birthday-14 years old.
- March 13- Had a pleasant visit from Mrs. A. Campbell, Robert, Daniel and Catherine-Bell started at Normal School.
- March 16- Bell walked to Normal and is to be admitted without going in the Model like her associates. A letter in the Tribune "Honest Farmers"-Skinned a sheep-
- March 18- Dan Yakley died-lots of snow. Rabbitts barking-Young apple trees bad.
- March 21- Great snow storm last night-The black sow had 13 pigs last night.
- March 30- Frank Fletcher, T. Casey and man, B. Roberts and Miller and 6 horses sawing wood with a buzz saw in our grove-Frank, Mary and Elizabeth went to another Midnight party at Miller's. I did not want them to go. Gave Crippen an order on William Campbell for \$75.25.
- April 1st- Town Meeting Day for Citizens- Frank went to Mrs. Gage's Sale.
- April 5- 38 years since I left Straven and the stone house where I was born. If I could have foreseen the toil and disappointments awaiting me in great America I would not have left the land that bore me. One of Mr. Norman's boys shot his brother.
- April 7- Mrs. L and Eliza started in the mended buggy- Eto her school-Mrs. L to see Mr. Clarke in his sickness.
- April 11- Plowing and repairing fences- Frank working for brother Robert.
 Walked to town and got \$10.00 from William Campbell.
- April 13- Walked over to see brother Robert plowing with one horse-he is dejected and in poor health-the vigor of youth is over.
- April 15- My Birthday-56 years gone by- I have to yield to the inevitable and believe boyhood and youth are past and I am an old man-my body failing and my eyes grow dim but I think my spirit has not failed me.

- April 18- Frank and Jerome killed 2 pigs and sold them to Lucken (Lucking) 281 lbs at $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents \$17.50.
- April 24- Russia and Turkey going to fight- Wheat up to \$1.90. Sold two pigs to B. Voorhees \$5.00- Sold two loads wheat at \$2.00 bushel- 6 cents less than \$100.00.
- April 26- Mr. Fletcher bought 5 bushels wheat \$10.00-Robert Went fishing-came home empty and tired- the 3 Grays came took a bushel of potatoes to Mr. Graves \$9.00-bought single harness from Mr. Yost \$25.00-Frank paid me for wheat \$99.96-3 pigs \$7.50.
- April 28- Sold two small loads oats-John Campbell and Joe took away the yearling bull-turned cows out to grass.
- May 1st- Willows green-had asparagus for dinner- left \$80 with William Campbell- sold more potatoes to Mr. Graves store. Paid \$1 for Commercial.
- May 3- Went to Mr. Pecks, Swifts and Caseys-hitched up the new horse in the new harness- he went well-
- May 7- Jones sowed plaster on the 2 clover fields-Taylor bought 2 pigs \$4.00.
- May 10- Wife has Ague-Lucken bought two yearling sheep at \$2.50-Went to see sick neighbor Mr. Casey.
- May 15- Bought seed corn from A. Leach and B. Voorhees-
- May 18- Frank and Jerome built a dam in the creek and we washed the sheep.
- May 21- Went to Detroit and Canada- I thought my sisters and Mother treated me unkindly claiming my money I received from Uncle James years ago but they did not give me a double portion of Father's Estate. Mr. Inglis and I visited old Mr. McClelland-called on brother James and wife-David Inglis played and sang for us.
- May 22- Mr. Inglis and I went to the Oak in David's buggy-was kindly treated-
- May 23- Mrs. Inglis and I planted flowers on Father's grave-Came home-
- May 24- Frank and Jerome painting the house-Mr. Lucken got 2 pigs-helped my Mary wash blankets-Wife and I called on Anna, Mrs. Campbell and our sick friend neighbor Swift.

- May 26- Wife, Robert and I went to Augusta-Bell was rejoiced to see us-she was homesick, I think she is treated like a servant and not like a daughter-My poem Auld Lang Syne in the Commercial.
- May 28- Frank and Jones replanted corn-then Mary, Robert and I went fishing for a rest.
- May 30- Mrs. L, Frank and Robert started for John Clarke's in the early morning.
- May 31- Last day of lovely May-Frank received \$32 from Lucken for 3 pigs- he helped B. Voorhees shear sheep and had the Ague.
- June 1st- B. Voorhees, Hiram and Frank shore all the sheep-Rams wool average 12-13 lbs.
- June 2- Paid Frank \$20 for wages and painting the house-Out of Oats and Pork money-had \$50 left to buy a wagon-Robert away with his new dog.
- June 3- Sacrament-horse sick-My old friend John Geddes walked 4 miles to dispence the elements and commune with the disciples of Christ- Mr. & Mrs. McDougal were present-the first members.
- June 6- Mrs. L and Frank started for Mr. Campbell's sheep shearing.
- June 10- Robert at Fletcher's- Have a letter in the Interior-
- June 12- Mrs. Hiscock paid \$15 for the Bull-Frank went to Ann Arbor- Good crop of strawberries but we have few pickers and dull sale at 8¢-Abundance for home use and free feast for friends.
- June 13- The Church was full last night hearing Bethune Duffield and Stalker on Sunday Schools, Temperance and red ribbons. Frank fishing- Mary, Robert and I picked 16 quarts strawberries-First swarm of bees-put them in Willie Campbell's hive- Mr. Crane paid \$9 for the pig-Sold a fat sheep to Fowler at Stephensons for \$3.50-took berries to town.
- June 16- Robert Campbell and wife and girl, our Lizzie and Sara Clarke came and we had a pleasant time in the strawberries
- June 18- Robert cultivated corn with the colt and did not vex me like Frank. Young Jones forked up the manure-Robert paid \$1 for his dog. Picked 20 quarts strawberries-sold for 6¢- too cheap for any profit.

- June 20- Sowed buckwheat where the corn had failed 3 times-Big swarm of bees, 5 new ones.
- June 21- Robert and I had a nice ride to Rawsonville and exchanged wheat for 38 1b of flour, 12 of bran and 2 of midlings for each bushel.
- June 23- Light frost hurt several acres of corn on the low Marsh ground-had never had corn frosted before. Frank bought a Buckeye Mower from Thompsons and had buggy repaired.
- June 24- Mr. Swift says my family will scatter money faster than I can gather it. Strawberries plentiful and selling cheap-wool selling at 35- Man in town selling Patent Medicines from a 4 horse carriage.
- June 25- A new swarm of bees, now have began to cut clover with new mower and it working well. Robert and I met Father Campbell at the Depot and went to Ann Arbor and heard H. McDougal in University Hall-Saw the Museum in afternoon-Our friend A. Campbell selling wheat by the car load.
- Juen 28- Robert took the 2 Mary's and I to the Depot and to the Normal closing where we heard good address and sweet music.
- June 30- Frank received \$40 from Wm. Campbell to pay for his Buckeye Mower. Gave Julie CAmp an order on Wm. Campbell for teaching at \$40.00. Anna came home-Elizabeth came home from her school-Mrs. L's birthday.
- July 3- Sold 3 clips of wool to Rogers-1032 lbs at 36¢ \$382.68-We were pleased with the price and weight- Paid Frank \$200. all I owe him.
- July 4- Bell would not come home until she comes for good-helped Mr. Campbell turn the hay-At night Mary, Lizzie and I rode to town to see the Archers play and the crowd. The boys waited for the fireworks-getting home late.
- July 6- Good Hay day-Frank mowed for Voorhees until 9 o'clock warm and weary- now have 21 swarms of bees.
- July 7- Robert borrowed Mr. Gray's horse and Stevenson's sulky rake and raked all the hay in the meadow and we got it all in the stack-Willy helped-New potatoes very goodweak and weary.

- July 9- Wheat fields ripe for harvest-Frank, Robert, Willy and I harvesting- a good day-too weary to be grateful-38 years I began under the warm Michigan skies-My younger brothers all left it years ago-James to Canada-they have gone to Scotland (Frank), the Sea(Robert) for his health and Niagra and I toil on in honor if not increase-Wheat not so good as last year and the clover nearly a failure-Went to see neighbor Fletcher's self binder.
- July 12- Frank went to mow for Swift-Robert and I sowed plast in the south field-Robert, Alford Gray and I got in 3 loads of wheat.
- July 14- Frank and I drew in all the wheat, I settled at the Farmer's store-\$310.15 due to us to June 30-Mary \$66. "Life on the Farm" in the Commercial.
- July 21- Wife and I went with wool above Ann Arbor-the colt was afraid of the railroad cars-called on John Geddes.
- July 24- Wife and I called on brother Robert. Mr. Crane that owes us, doesn't manage very well.
- July 26- Strikes and bad riots on the railroad.
- July 28- Mr. Campbell came-brave active in his 76 years and Mrs. L went with him to help with the thrashing.
- August 1- 92 degrees-sick last night-Frank, Robert and the German binding oats.
- August 3- Paid Mr. Leash \$70-Went to Alfred Allen's child funeral and to Mr. Pattison's daughter next.

 Mrs. L came back-800 bushels of wheat at the Father's.
- August 6- David Inglis sent us his wedding cards Saturday. Old Bill the horse we have driven 20 years died last night. The trees, the animal and ourselves are fading away-Fletcher's boys helped bury the old horse.
- August 8- Frank and Jerome drove George's 10 sheep over to John Miller-Sold the cow that liked to jump over fences to Mr. Crane for \$40.
- August 9- Mary and I went to see the School Director in August had dinner at Mr. Campbell's with old Mrs. Gardener aged 82 wh had walked over thru the woods. Bell was cheerful and rode with us to "Luckets".

- August 10- Very dry, hardly enough water in the Huron to turn the Millstones.
- August 14- Robert went with Mr. Campbell-Mr. Crane paid \$10 on the cow-A grand shower at last.
- August 22- Drew out straw and manure-Robert came back from Augusta- a darkie helped out in the afternoon.
- August 25- Clare came to hold his Birthday-Mr. Crane paid \$5 on the cow. Paid Abbly or Alhlay for Medicine. J. Willy slept in the Barn-Frank, Robert, Willy and I drew manure. Sold 3 yearling sheep to Martin \$15.
- August 28- Gabriel Campbell came and we had a pleasant evening. Great storm in the night-Mr. Tifley's Barn struck and burned-600 bushels of wheat burned.
- August 29- Wife and I rode to R. Campbells and had a grand dinner with a select party, it being 16 anniversary of their wedding-stayed overnight-At J. Clarke's fine home our friends tell of their great crops of wheat but a wee crop have I. Wife and I had a pleasant ride to our wee farm and humble house.
 - September 1- Robert Wiley drew manure-Paid him \$4.50 for the week's work.
 - September 4- Bell came up the lane rejoicing us all after being away 4 months with \$40 for her summer's toil and glad to get home.
 - September 5- Annual School meeting-A. Leach, Chairman and is to Turnish the wood. T. Casey elected Director. \$10 voted to M Knapp.
 - September 7- Mary, Eliza and Robert went to Augusta to see the school-sowed 9 bushels of Casey's wheat.
 - September 10-Frank and I went to old Mrs. Swift's burial-wet day-finished writing on Labor Questions-Robert went to Mr. Camps-Mr. Crane paid \$13.32 all he owed on the cow. Hency Backus took Mary and E. to Uncle Andrews.
 - September 13-T. Casey and I sowed about 14 bushels Clawson Wheat on the Northwest Field.
 - September 14-Went to Augusta with Mary to commence her school of the y-stayed overnight and saw the new house and great bin of wheat.

- September 15- Sent away my essay on the labor question.
- September 18- The Thrashing machine came at 3 and got out 95 bushels of corn by sundown.
- September 19- Took Mrs. L to Wm. Campbell's at sunrisefinished thrashing at noon. 270 bushels of Oats and 115 of wheat-paid \$10 for thrashing. Paid T. Casey \$33.80 for seed wheat-Received \$30 from Wm. Campbell.
- September 20- Frank, Bell and I went to State Fair at Jackson. A great crowd of well behaved people-good exhibits-30 years since I had been there last and all was changed. Bell and I had a fine ride home but could hardly get on the train for the pressing humanity.
- September 21- My old friend John Camman I had not seen in 20 years came with his wife-pleasant time-went to the Depot with them.
- September 22- Took Anna and her provisions to her boarding house. Her and some others found fault with me for not doing enough for them. I have worked from 12 years old till now-I am old and weary and she is going to school at 27.
- September 24- Raked up clover we cut for seed with Thompson's steel rake-Paid Hindricks \$3.50 for cutting corn.
- September 28- Frank's birthday-We all went to the Fair-Did not wait for the races. Boys came home at night.
- September 29- Wife and I to Chauncy Knapp funeral- a sad ending.
- September 30- Robert took us to Church-Minister found fault with his hearers for not giving enough nor doing enough- If I had received \$1800 for a years work I would have at least expressed my gratitude.
- October 1st- Went to Church meeting-liked what Dr. Rexford said-Most of hearers paid more than us-would like to give more. Daughter Bell worked at the rate of \$100 a year, Everytime she got \$1.00 Richmond got \$18.83.
- October 3- Mr. & Mrs. John Geddes came-had a fine visit. Father thought John some of the salt of the earth-his life has been a long incentive to virtue, a sermon in favor of truth, rectitude and honor.
 Wife bought a bedstead, extension table and rocking chair.
- October 6- Robert paid \$3.25 for new boots-Bell and Mrs. Warts party gathered nuts.

- November 16- 28 years since we were married-Mary had 10 teeth pulled-painful and expensive-bought a suit of clothes for Robert \$10-Frank got a barrel of cider. Wife and I went to see our old friends G. McDougal. Put the Rams with the ewes-Frank working for Fletcher.
- November 20- Wife and I went to see her parents-was kindly received-They have fought the battle of life long, bravely and well-Came home before dark-3 funerals in town. Dr. Ashley wanted to buy 4 swarms of Bees for \$12. Robert and Crealman to shoot against my wishes.
- November 24- Mary got false teeth-Frank did not get home till very late and Robert never came at all, alarming us as so many are hurt with guns.
- November 25- Frank walked to Crealman's and brought Robert home.
- November 29- We all had a grand dinner at Mr. Wm. Campbell's along with Mr. Richmond.
- November 30- Mary's health failed and she was not able to go back to her School-Mrs. L and Bell went to Augusta-Bell intending to continue Mary's School if she could qualify.
- December 3- Frank went with Elizabeth to the Depot to see her on the cars to go to her School in Pittsfield(the Huckleberry to Pittsfield Junction). Walked to town to get mail and papers-Schribners sent back my piece about Husking corn.
- December 9 Great fire at night-Robert and I went down and found it was the Seminary- A great pity to see so much property consumed in a few hours-\$60,000. loss with \$27,000. insurance.
- December 10- Brother Robert and wife came to tell us Willie Todd was very sick.
- Decmber 11- No word from Detroit-\$32,700 insurance on the Seminary-J. Campbell says Bell got a certificate and is teaching but lacks experience for so large scholars but is doing bravely.
- December 12- Sister Isabelle was married 27 years ago to Frank Todd-A grist to Rawsonville-sold sheep skins to J. Holland(Howland) \$2.

December 14- Wife and I to call on our old friends, John Geddes, and very pleasant visit-Roads bad-Robert went to Rawsonville but could not find his dog.

December 15- Paid our taxes \$21.60-Mr. Swift carried me up to see his stock-his farm and farm animals looked well but he is feeble.

December 18- Mr. Bemis came to thrash the clover but the rains came and we could do nothing. R. Fletcher got 9 pigs \$14-Mr. Luken the white heffer \$25.

December 22- Received of G. Ruthruff, Township Treasurer \$1,116.30 of School money. Left \$100 with Wm. Campbell-Paid A.J.Leetch \$16.90 for wood-Bell came home from her School in Augusta and Elizabeth from hers in Pittsfield.

December 24- Church decorated with evergreens-took biscuits and apple to the Church Festival, Wife and 3 girls and Robert went there at night.

December 25- It is nine years since Father spoke to me for the last time on earth-if there is no future reunion why are we full of such endless longing.

Frank got \$10 from R. Fletcher for pigs, \$10 from G. Fletcher for wheat reducing what I owe him for wages to \$30.

December 27- Clover thrasher had been waiting for a week to get a dry day-Robert has exchanged his gun for a fiddle-I doubt he paid too much for it.

December 28- Heard of J. Campbell marriage-Paid F.B. Goodspeed \$28 for teaching.

December 31- Received a paper containing account of death of David Inglis' Minister Bracklin-Last day of the year.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The weather and the spirit of the season helped to make the Open House at the Museum successful on December 9,1984.

As guests walked up the steps they could see the beautifully draped greens on the front of the house. As they entered, they were greeted by some members of the Historical Society's Board; David Gauntlett, Don Racine, William Ealy, Mrs. George Patterson, Arthur Howard and Dr. William Edmunds.

The fragance of evergreen permeated the air as guests viewed the garlands of greens interspersed with trumpets on the walnut stairway and over doorways. Everywhere one looked there was the beauty of the Christmas season.

Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Howard planned and carried out the decoratio and had chosen Christmas hymns and carols as the theme. As guests walked through the rooms they noted signs made by Arthur Howard identifying each song. The parlor depicted "The Three Kings", the White room "Silent Night", with our beautiful pictu of the Madonna and Child hanging above the mantel and in the dining room was "The Partridge in the Pear Tree" with a tree made of fresh pears in the center of the table, to mention just three rooms. Many poinsettias were found throughout the rooms and all mantels were decorated with greens, candles and figurin relating to each song. Mrs. Elnora Miller and Mr. Ron Miller had assisted the Howards in decorating the rooms. Many comment were heard regarding how artistically and beautifully the rooms were done.

The Christmas tree in the parlor was decorated in keeping with the style of the Victorian house, with the decorations being made from natural materials and bits of lace and ribbon. They were all well arranged on the tree by members of the former Garden Club. Mrs. Mildred Gilmore, Miss Frances Warren, Miss Doris Milliman, Mrs. Don Wardell and Miss Betty Tunnicliffe. The latter two were the designers and makers of the decorations along with Mrs. David Gauntlett. The Museum Director, Mrs. William McCarthy had obtained the tree and had supervised the set-up. She was always available to help rearrange furniture and to find thumb tacks, tape, tools, etc.

In the White room where the new sales case is located, Mrs. Gauntlett was in charge of a lovely display of gifts that she had ordered for the season and which proved to be popular with the guests.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Howard had decorated the windows with bits of green tied with red bows and had refurbished the solarium with poinsettias. Deci also made the large ball of greens and Art hung them on the south front porch.

As guests found their way to the Ypsilanti room they enjoyed a large variety of refreshments and punch. The sandwiches and cookies had been made by, or solicted from members, by Mrs. Bertha Speer. She was assisted in serving by Miss Tunnicli. What would our holiday get together be without the colorful and sweet little candies that are made by Mrs. Ruth Reynolds and the little gingerbread men that are made by Mrs. Arthur Howard.

There was more upstairs for guests to see, the Children's room with our special doll collection was arranged around a decorated Christmas tree by Mrs. Gauntlett. Then the Library where a newly acquired gift of a Lionel electric train was running. It was engineered by Mr. Laverne Howard, Mr. Alan Stewart and Mr. David Gauntlett.and attracted a lot of attention

Mike Miller had arranged for recorded Christmas music to be heard throughout the house which all added to the very festive occasion.

The "Collector's " doll for which raffle tickets were sold was won by Mr. A.P. Marshall.

The members of the Administration Committee who planned this Open House thank all who contributed to the success of it.

Doris Milliman Chairperson A request for the following items has been made by Kathryn Howard, the Placement and Room arrangement Chairperson.

Oil Lamps

Candlesticks-Silver, Brass or Crystal
Set of Antique Dining Room Chairs

Contact Kathryn at 482-7081

1985 Dues are now due. If you have any questions about them, please don't hesitate to call the office at 482-4990 I will be glad to help you. Yearly dues are as follows:

\$3.00 -one person \$5.00 -per family

\$10.00 -Contributing \$25.00 -Institutional \$50.00 -Sustaining \$100.00 -Life Membership

Billie Zolkosky Secretary

HAVE WE MISSED ANYBODY?



Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year. As we enter 1985 it is of interest to look back at 1984 and realize the many things undertaken and accomplished during that period. We received the renovated Norris Portraits from the Detroit Institute of Arts-They are magni icent and make a treasured addition to our Museum. Plans were finalized for the renovation of the basement, including the installation of new heating systems. This was accomplished. We obtained Display cases, to be used primarily for storage in the reworked basement-Nine given to us by K-Mart and eleven purchased from Henry Ford Museum. We also had an excellent turn-out for our open House to show off the Norris Portraits and our renovated basement. Heritage Festival participation brought record numbers of people to the Museum. Our Annual Dinner drew a full house at the Masonic Temple. The Christmas Open House was very well attended and included the drawings for a beautiful doll, a cast iron vegetable truck and two cup plates. All of these activities were enjoyed by those able to attend.

All of the above would not have been possible without the effort of many interested people and at this time I wish to thank them again for their good efforts.

Now that 1985 is underway, we hope to continue our good work. I hope to be able to establish several working committees, under the directions of Board Members, to help ease, from individuals, the load of our increased activities. Therefore the selected committee heads will be calling members for assignment and assistance to those committees. We will appreciate your help.

At the suggestion of Doris Milliman, a new section will be included in the Gleanings, and we hope it will be of interest to you. You will find a section giving a brief summary of the business conducted at the Board of Director's meetings.

We anticipate an even better year for our Museum in 1985. So put out the workd to your friends to become members in 1985 and share our pleasures and treasurers.

A Good New Year to all of you.

David Gauntlett, President

I want to Thank this past years members of the Board of Directors for their great support. Many things have been discussed, acted upon and undertaken during 1984. Without their efforts all these activities could not have been brought to fruition. All have been willing participants in our activities, and all are commended on their attendance at Board Meetings. They are:

Mike Miller-Vice President
Billie Zolkosky-Secretary
Bill Ealy-Treasurer
Linda Hahlbrock
George McCreedy
LaVerne Howard
Foster Fletcher
Bill Edmunds
Ann McCarthy
Marion Vorce
Sharon Patterson
Doris Milliman
Don Racine

I also Thank the Administration Committee for their great efforts. These people work quietly back of the scenes to make sure the day to day workings of the Museum go smoothly. They set the Guides Schedules, make sure the Museum is clean, handle the Sales Case, Schedule and conduct special tours, rearrange exhibits, follow up on repairs, carry on a continuing liaison with the Schools, and many other such activities. On this committee are:

Doris Milliman Kathryn Howard Eileen Harrison Ethel O'Connor Jean Scott Marjorie Gauntlett Deci Howard Ann McCarthy Billie Wardell Foster Fletcher

Again, Thanks to the above and all the Guides and others that have given of their time and efforts to bettering our activities.

Sincerely,

David Gauntlett
President-Ypsilanti Historical Society

At the Annual Dinner, held at the Masonic Temple on November 4, 1984 we had an excellent turnout, enjoyed a fine meal and program, and had great fun with a give-away. Renee Burgess, again, contacted merchants and individuals for the give away items and did a tremendous job as shown below by the list of items, who gave them, and who won them:

<u> Item</u>	Donated by	Won By
Lamp Dinner for Two Harvest Basket \$10.00 gift cert Skin Care Prod. Car Wash """	Ypsilanti Locksmith Health Emporium	Ada Abbey Catherine Blake Ruth Reynolds Alice Ziegler Wanda Bohn Jane Durant Li Su Don Wardell
Fish Dinner Carnations/Bud va Chicken Dinner Peach Cobbler Floral Centerpiec	Ponderosa Steak House Arthur Treacher's se Hon's Florist Grandma's Chicken Dinner Old Towne Restaurant e-Metropolitan Florist Standard Printing	Margaret Smith Carolyn Griffir Stella Hammond Mildred Gilmore Kathy Edmunds Florence Plant Don Porter Bonnie Osborn Jim Baker

At the Christams Open House, a raffle was conducted and the winners were:

First Prize

A beautiful Reporduction Jumeau Doll, elegantly dressed, and donated to the Society by Christine Blinn, owner of the Doll Collector, Won by A.P. Marshall.

Second Prize A reproduction cast-iron Vegetable Truck, donated by the Historical Society-Won by Kathryn Howard.

Third Prize Two Museum Class Cup Plates-Donated by the Historic Society, Won by Don & Dottie Disbrow and Bill Edmunds.

Happenings by Your Board of Directors:

September 6, 1984:

Voted to improve money management-Combined three separate classifications into one in the Checking account: Established the Petty Cash fund with defined limitations and accountability responsibility.

Plans for the Open House, September 30 are finalized; Invitations are to be sent September 17th.

The Annual Fall Dinner meeting will be held November 4.

Voted to have the Colburn Book, The Story of Ypsilanti, reprinted by McNaughton & Gunn of Saline. 250 copies wil be ordered. Current inventory is 2.

October 4,1984:

Insurance for all locations (Museum contents, Lewis House and contents, and liability at both locations and Towner House was discussed. New agent and carrier approved—For better coverage which is fully detailed and no more expensive.

Annual Fall Dinner meeting finalized. Final ticket count must be in October 28.

November 1.1984:

Final billing from Durant Construction Co., was approved for payment.
Arthur Howard, Trustee for the Lewis House, was voted a Member of the Board of Directors.
Reprint of the Colburn Book is about complete, it was voted to sell the book at a pre-publication price of \$7.50 until December 31, 1984. After that date the price will be \$10.00.
Doris Milliman, Marion Vorce and George McCreedy were appointed to nominate three Board Members for 1985.
President Gauntlett announced the receipt of a Gift from the Estate of Evangeline Lewis.

DEcember 6,1985:

The Nominating Committee has chosen Mike Miller, Terry Towler and Gordon Cahours as Board Candidates. Art Howard reported on the Lewis House-it is decorated for Christmas, new outside yard light is installed, and the fence has been repaired. Plans for the Christmas Open House are finalized. The Annual Business Meeting will be held January 20,1985 From the Museum Gift Shop:

We wish to thank the members for their support of the Museum during 1984, especially at Festival time and the Christmas season.

The Gift Shop will have Easter-related merchandise beginning in February. Visit us soon. Support your City Museum through the purchase of a lovely commemorative Cup Plate in Amethyst or Cobalt blue. Also The Story of Ypsilanti, (second printing), is available only in the Museum Gift Shop for \$10.00.

Marge Gauntlett, Chairperson.

A Bit of Late News on our Cornet

A HENRY DISTIN CORNET

Among the collection of musical instruments in the Ypsilanti Historical Museum is a Henry Distin cornet. The instrument was given to the museum in 1969 by Wendell Harwood.

The instrument is silver plated with gold leaf trim and it has mother of pearl valve buttons. Except for the valve casing the instrument is decoratively engraved. The bell is marked:

SUPERIOR

(Picture of a spreadwing eagle holding TRADE a trumpet) MARK

HENRY DISTIN MFG. CO.

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HIGHEST GRADE

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The valves and the valve casing are marked with the serial number 18555. The tubing at the tuning slide is marked "Low P". There is a detachable lead pipe with an extension bit for lower pitch. The shank of the mouthpiece is marked "Henry Distin Mfg. Co." and the cup is marked "1".

The instrument is from about 1900 and is in excellent condition. The bell is the distinctive "shepherd's crook" design of that era of cornets. The tone quality of the instrument is the dark, velvet sound characteristic of the turn of the century cornet. This tone quality is greatly influenced by the construction of the mouthpiece. The diameter of the cup is narrower than that used with more modern instruments and is fairly deep, giving the cup a V-shape.

The rim is fairly flat and the back bore seems to be narrow.

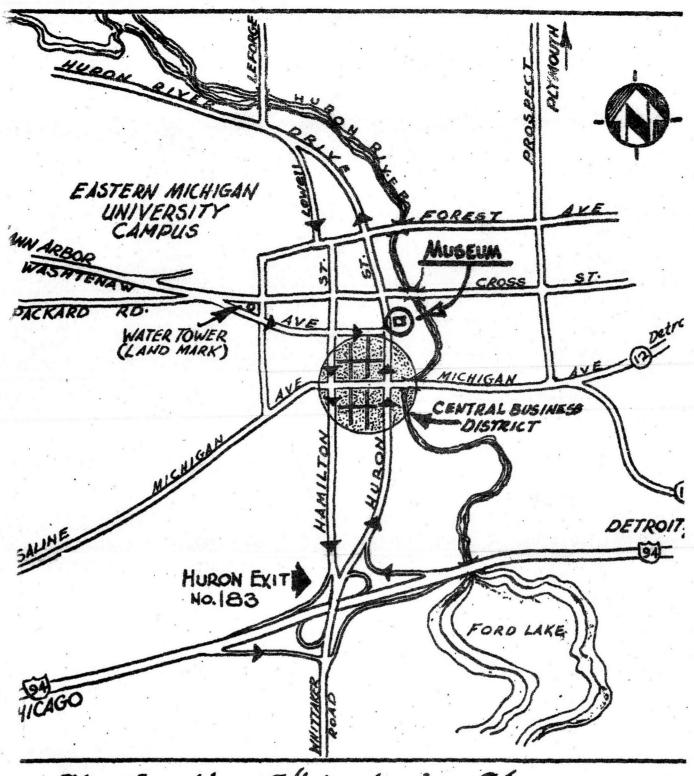
When used with more modern instruments this mouthpiece gives them a darker, more mellow quality.

Henry Distin (b. London, 1819; d. Philadelphia, 1903) was a member of an English family of brass instrument makers, musicians, music sellers and publishers. The Distin family was an early supporter of the instruments of Adolphe Sax. They adopted the "saxhorns" for their performances and became the British agents for the instruments. In 1850 the family began to manufacture their own instruments. The firm was sold in 1868 to Boosey and Co.

Henry Distin came to the United States in 1877 and established his own firm in Philadelphia in 1884. In 1887 the firm was moved to Williamsport. Henry Distin retired in 1889 with the firm continuing under the management of Brau C. Keefer.

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